

CAIRNS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
2020 Competition Rules Version 1



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1. PREAMBLE

- a. Member clubs and Cairns Hockey Association (Cairns Hockey) members all acknowledge and agree with Cairns Hockey that these rules are intended to protect the integrity of Cairns Hockey competitions and those who participate in a manner that is equitable, inclusive and supporting fair play recognizing that each affiliated club is working towards the advancement of hockey in the region.
- b. Cairns Hockey, its members, including clubs, have as its paramount consideration the development and delivery of a competition framework that support fair play and equity to all members and participants.
- c. Cairns Hockey will work with clubs and members to find a fair and reasonable solution, however, it is recognised that if conduct is contrary to the rules and the spirit of good faith, this conduct is not to be accepted and decisions will be made affirming this premise.
- d. Cairns Hockey has modified introductory programs named “P12” and “P34” competitions. There are separate provisions governing the P12 and P34 programs as they known. Indoor hockey and modified hockey (including, but not limited to, walking hockey and summer/social sixes) also sit outside of these rules.

2. CHA BOARD AND AFFILIATION

- a. The Board of Cairns Hockey (the Board) is empowered under the Cairns Hockey Constitution to manage these rules. These rules can be changed by the Board at any duly constituted meeting of the Board.
- b. In relation to the competition rules of Cairns Hockey, the Board is empowered to adjudicate the rules and if breaches are found, to make decisions and impose penalties including but not limited to fines, loss of competition points or any other penalty as deemed appropriate.
- c. The Board recognises the Competitions Committee as the committee tasked to manage the competition on behalf of Cairns Hockey and the Board and has confirmed its Terms of Reference. The Board delegates its authority across the administration of the rules and the imposition of penalties to the Competitions Committee as per the Terms of Reference.

- d. Cairns Hockey shall publish on their website a register that summarises the approved requests (including date and details from clubs) for special consideration under these rules, and the respective decision date and details. This will be updated in a timely manner. Clubs can access this information from the website.
- e. Cairns Hockey clubs shall have the ability to appeal any decision of the Competitions Committee provided the Cairns Hockey General Manager (“General Manager”) receives this appeal in writing, setting out clearly the reasons for the appeal, within 48 hours of the decision being published. The appeal will be heard within three days of the General Manager receiving the appeal. The Board can appoint and empower a Board representative to address any appeal on behalf of the Board. The Board or its representative will not upset any decisions of the Competitions Committee unless it is manifestly excessive or manifestly unfair and/or prejudicial in the circumstances. The decision of the Board is final. The General Manager will advise the club within 24 hours after the Board has made the decision and shall place any appeal decisions on the register and publish accordingly.
- f. If the Competitions Committee is unable or unwilling to make any determinations in accordance with these rules, the chair of the Competitions Committee shall ask the General Manager to refer the matter to the Board for a determination. This determination will be made within two days and will be notified to clubs, and the decision placed on the register and published in accordance with these rules. The decision of the Board is final.
- g. A member club must be affiliated with Cairns Hockey and have paid all affiliation fees and lodged all applications to be eligible to nominate teams in the Cairns Hockey competition. The Board will set fees and charges relating to the competition and all member clubs must pay promptly any fees and charges to be eligible to play in the competition.
- h. The Board may, by a resolution of a majority of members present, admit such applicant club to the competition of Cairns Hockey on terms and conditions as it deems reasonable for the advancement of hockey in the region.
- i. Upon admission to affiliation into the Cairns Hockey competition, Cairns Hockey and any club shall become liable to the provisions of Cairns Hockey, Member Terms and Competition Rules and shall pay such fees and subscriptions as are provided for in these said rules including penalties and late fees as authorised under these rules.

3. FEES

a. Payment of Fees

Fees will be due at times and in such manner as set by the Board.

b. Time to Pay Fees

The Board may accept the payment of such fees in instalments at such times as it shall direct, but such fees shall be paid in full by a date set by the CHA Board each year.

c. Financial Consideration

The Board shall, before determining the amount of the annual fees, consider the proposed budget to the Board for the year concerned.

d. Failure to Pay Fees

If any dues payable under the provisions of these Rules are unpaid by the date specified by Cairns Hockey and if no extension has been approved in writing by the Board, the teams for which such fees are not paid shall forfeit all points gained for matches played during the period that such fees remain unpaid.

e. Fines

Any fines imposed and charges due shall be punctually paid within seven days of notification of such fine, and any club neglecting to pay any fine imposed, or charge due, shall be under a disability to compete in any match until such fine or charge be paid unless the Board or its delegate shall determine otherwise in its absolute discretion.

4. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

- a. Unless otherwise stipulated by the Board, the following competition Divisions will be played:

MEN'S COMPETITION

Senior Division

A grade

B grade

C grade

Masters Division

Masters

Under-Age Division

Under 18A

Under 18B

Under 14A

Under 14B

Primary Division

Primary grades 5-6 (P56)

Primary grades 3-4 (P34)

Primary grades Prep-2 (P12)

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

Senior Division

A grade

B grade

C grade

Masters Division

Masters

Under-Age Division

Under 18A

Under 18B

Under 14A

Under 14B

Primary Division

Primary grades 5-6 (P56)

Primary grades 3-4 (P34)

Primary grades Prep-2 (P12)

5. REGISTRATIONS

- a. The Initial Team Registration

Each affiliated club shall, on or before a date set by Cairns Hockey each year, give to Cairns Hockey, notice in writing listing the number of teams to play and the divisions they will play in. This information will be added to the current season Registry.

Cairns Hockey requires each club on or before a date set by Cairns Hockey each year to commit to register a minimum of eight players in each team in each grade (except A Grade - refer to Rule 8) unless otherwise stipulated in these rules and special age specific requirements. If a club is unable to register a minimum of eight players in a team, they will need to provide a reason for this to the Competitions Committee for approval.

Cairns Hockey appreciates that from time to time there might be extraordinary circumstances preventing the club from registering in accordance with this requirement. If this occurs, a club may make a special request to Cairns Hockey in writing setting out in detail the extraordinary circumstances and the Board will thereafter consider the request at its absolute discretion and notify the club of its decision in a timely manner.

Following receipt of particulars of teams proposed to be entered by the clubs, Cairns Hockey shall admit or refuse admission to such teams into the competition for the season, and may determine in which grades of the competitions such teams shall play. Cairns Hockey may in its discretion, arrange trial matches to assist it in arriving at decisions in this matter.

b. Late Submission of Teams

Cairns Hockey may, at its discretion, permit the entry of teams after the date above subject to acceptance of terms and conditions it deems reasonable in the circumstances.

c. Cancellation of Acceptance of Teams

Cairns Hockey may, at its discretion, cancel the acceptance into competition of any team at any time, because of insufficient numbers of players available to the teams, for non-payment of subscriptions or fees or for any other reason in its absolute discretion. The club will be notified in writing of any such reason in a timely manner.

d. Registration of Players

Cairns Hockey Database will be the sole record for a player, supporter and member registrations, and will, for the purposes of these rules, contain the complete Register of Players.

Individual Players

- i. All players playing in an identified Cairns Hockey competition, event or authorised game (either full field or modified hockey), are to be registered financially through the national database in use at the time in accordance with Hockey Queensland direction.
- ii. All other memberships are to be registered in accordance with Cairns Hockey directions.
- iii. Subject to any other rules to the contrary, a player must be turning 14 years of age in the current year to be eligible to play in a Senior Hockey Division in Cairns.
- iv. Unless cleared to do so, once you have played in a competition round for a team in one grade, you are no longer eligible to play for another team in that same grade.
- v. Cairns Hockey shall charge a player registration fee to be advised to clubs by the Board a reasonable time prior to the season beginning. The Cairns Hockey registration fee may be collected by the clubs on behalf of Cairns Hockey and shall then pay to Cairns Hockey as directed. All payment transactions are to be recorded in the Cairns Hockey Database.
- vi. On receipt of the directed payments in (e) above, the player's registration will be accepted.
- vii. The player is free to choose any club to register with, provided the necessary clearances are completed if transferring from another club.
- viii. Any player can only be registered to play for one club in any one year. Any other application for dual club registration (including Atherton) must be made to the Board and a determination will be made. This determination will be final.
- ix. The player will be responsible for payment of the club component of the fees to the chosen club.
- x. Should Cairns Hockey be advised by any Hockey Australia affiliate that there are proven outstanding fees, the player named must pay all outstanding fees incurred prior to the current season, in addition to the current fees, before a registration will be accepted.
- xi. All transaction fees and/or dishonour fees imposed by financial institutions will be the responsibility of the player.

e. Refusal of Applications

Cairns Hockey shall have the right to refuse registration to any player for any reason it deems reasonable and shall notify the player of the reasons for the refusal.

f. Clearances

- i. Any player who has played for another club at any time in the previous three seasons in the Cairns competition, or with any other Australian Hockey affiliate, will need to provide a clearance from their former club.
- ii. Any player listed by their former club as unfinancial from the previous three seasons will not obtain a clearance until these matters have been resolved and Cairns Hockey receives confirmation in writing.
- iii. Statutory Declaration- In lieu of a clearance, a statutory declaration signed by the player and witnessed, shall be acceptable. The declaration shall state the name of the last club played for and that the player has no obligation to the club. A copy shall then be forwarded to the secretary of previous club. If the previous club disputes the information on the declaration, the player shall be suspended until the dispute is resolved.

g. Visiting Players

Cairns Hockey has authorised a special membership class for visiting players. This class and is for bona fide visitors. A player may play up to the stipulated number of games if registering under this category but only after registration has been paid and received by Cairns Hockey. No clearances are required but these players cannot already be a registered member of Cairns Hockey. In 2020, the stipulated maximum number of games under this category is three in total, across all divisions. Once a player registered as a visitor has played three games in the Cairns Hockey competition, they cannot play any further games in the season. A visiting player will not be eligible to play finals.

h. Casual Membership

Any player registered as a “casual player” wishing to play more than the stipulated number of games will need to pay usual Cairns Hockey fees unless they obtain special exemption from Cairns Hockey. Special exemptions can be on terms and conditions set by the Board. In 2020, the stipulated maximum number of games under this category is 10 in total, across all divisions, including finals. Once a player registered as a casual member has played 10 games in the Cairns Hockey competition, they will need to upgrade to full membership to play any further games. A casual player is entitled to participate in finals as long as they have met the finals eligibility per Rule 13 (g).

i. Dual Registered Players

Any player who wishes to play in the Cairns Hockey competition under a dual registration arrangement, must be currently registered with Hockey Queensland (including payment of the full player insurance cover). They will be required to pay the Cairns Hockey component before receiving approval to play and may be required to furnish proof of full financial membership to their primary Association to Cairns Hockey. The player may be required to pay a club component at the time of registration.

The Board may from time to time and upon request in writing, change any dual registration requirements believed to be in the best interests to Cairns Hockey.

j. Unregistered Players

- i. No club shall play an unregistered player. The definition of “unregistered player” in these rules includes-
 - a. a player who participates in any teams in any authorised Cairns Hockey game or fixture, who is not registered or is suspended or ineligible to play under these Rules;
 - b. or is the subject of any penalty recognised by Cairns Hockey;
 - c. or plays without permission in a grade of the Cairns Hockey competition contrary to these rules.
- ii. The team in which the unregistered player participates will be classed as forfeiting and the rules relating to forfeit shall apply. The club may be liable for a penalty for being in breach of these rules as determined by Cairns Hockey Board.

k. Unregistered Players without Clearance

When Cairns Hockey detects a breach of these rules, the club concerned shall be notified of such breach and the player is suspended from participating in any Cairns Hockey authorised competition or games until Cairns Hockey is satisfied that the player is cleared to play. The obligation is on the club to make application to Cairns Hockey to obtain such clearance. Cairns Hockey can ask for any information it deems reasonable to make the determination. If the player continues to participate, the player and the club shall be liable for a penalty imposed by the Board.

l. Transfer of Players Between Clubs

No player shall transfer from one club to another without a clearance from the first-mentioned club. Provided however, that if Cairns Hockey shall be satisfied that such clearance is unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld, it may approve of the transfer in the absence of consent from the first-mentioned club upon an application by the aggrieved player.

m. Special Circumstances

Cairns Hockey may on application, in writing (via email) grant permission of any player to play in any grade at any time.

A club must apply by giving reasonable notice in writing (usually not less than five days) to Cairns Hockey.

Such notice must be emailed to the General Manager who will onforward it to the Competitions Committee Chair. The Cairns Hockey Board empowers the Competitions Committee to assess each application, make a decision and advise of the decision.

n. Team Uniforms

Each affiliated club will be required to register their club colours with Cairns Hockey and make application to Cairns Hockey for their consent to change any part thereof.

Cairns Hockey and the Clubs are committed to supporting a culture within Cairns Hockey that shows respect, pride and strong community values.

Respecting the official club uniform is of paramount consideration and unless a player has permission to not be playing in full official club uniform (including playing shirt, playing shorts/skirt and socks, as well as shin guards and joggers), all players (with the exception of a goalkeeper) will be expected to comply. Clubs and teams may incur penalties for non-compliance at the absolute discretion of the Cairns Hockey Board.

6. TEAM STRUCTURE

a. Number of Players Per Team (Senior and Masters Competitions)

- i. In the Senior and Masters competitions, a team can consist of up to 16 players.
- ii. Only a maximum of 11 players can be on the field at any one time.

- iii. At the start of the game a minimum of eight players must take the field otherwise that team forfeits the game. If the number reduces below eight due to injury or suspension the game can continue as a competition game. If a player starts the game but leaves the field after the start and in the opinion of the tech bench or umpire that player or players only started to avoid a forfeit the game will be forfeited.
 - iv. There is no requirement for a kitted or specialised goalkeeper to be part of the team.
- b. Number of Players Per Team (Under-Age Divisions (U18 A&B, U14 A&B))
- i. In Under-Age Division a team can consist of up to 16 players.
 - ii. Under-Age Division - a fully kitted goalkeeper to start the game is compulsory, however maybe substituted under FIH Rules.
 - iii. Only a maximum of 11 players can be on the field at any one time.
 - iv. At the start of the game, a minimum of eight players must take the field otherwise, that team forfeits the game. If the number reduces below eight due to injury or suspension, the game can continue as a competition game. If a player starts the game but leaves the field after the start of the game and it is the opinion of the tech bench or umpire that the player/s only started to avoid a forfeit the game will be forfeited.

7. PRIMARY HOCKEY PROGRAM

The CHA Board may authorise specialised local rules for any identified specialised division from time to time. Specialised divisions shall be permitted to lesser numbers per team and modified rules as directed.

- a. The P Hockey Program is an introductory, staged program which needs flexibility to develop. It is designed to be our introductory program and the Junior Committee is entitled to make recommendations from time to time to continue to develop this Program.

- b. Each team nominated in a P12 Division should consist of five players and a permitted number of substitutes, or a number set by the Junior Committee each year.
- c. Each team nominated in a P34 Division should consist of seven players and a permitted number of substitutes, or a number set by the Junior Committee each year.
- d. Each team in a P56 Division should consist of 11 players and a permitted number of substitutes.
- e. Cairns Hockey will advise all clubs prior to the start of the season in each year a direction advising the numbers and rules of the respective year's primary hockey program.

8. A GRADE TEAM NUMBERS

- a. Cairns Hockey and all clubs have agreed that the clubs will provide their top nine players staggered over three rounds as follows:
 - i. Prior to the commencement of Round 1 they will name top five players,
 - ii. Prior to the commencement of Round 2 (ie. Before game four) they will name top seven players, and
 - iii. Prior to the commencement of Round 3 (ie. Before game seven) the final top nine players will be nominated and submitted to the competitions committee for review. Players who have been originally named in the top five do not need to be named in the top seven. Players who have been named in the top seven do not need to be named in the top nine. However, once a team submits their top nine these players cannot be changed unless stipulated within these rules.
- b. Players named in the top five, top seven and top nine will be eligible to play A Grade competition only, except for any nominated players who are registered in the U18A division who can play U18A and A Grade only. After teams have submitted their top nine, those players will be identified in the Cairns Hockey database in a manner approved by the Competitions Committee.
- c. Games participation by top players will be monitored regularly by the Competitions Committee.

9. GRADING PLAYERS

- a. No player registered in one grade shall be eligible to play in a lower grade unless prior application has been made in writing and permission granted by the Competitions Committee. Any determination by the Competitions Committee will be confirmed in writing and sent to the General Manager and this determination will be placed on the Registry of Determinations published on the Cairns Hockey website and can be accessed by all clubs and members.
- b. Clubs can appeal the decision of the Competitions Committee if the club believes the decision of the Competitions Committee was manifestly unfair and manifestly prejudicial in the circumstances by submitting to the General Manager in writing the reasons for the appeal within two working days of receiving notice of the decision. The Board will hear the appeal within three working days of receiving the appeal and will notify the club of the decision in a timely manner.
- c. Regrade Forms- The regrades of team members are to be submitted to Cairns Hockey using the appropriate form available on the Cairns Hockey website. All regrade forms must be dated and signed.
- d. Regrade Timeframes- Any request for regrade should be received in writing no later than Wednesday in the current week of playing. The acceptance/rejection of the regrade will be advised to the club representative within 24 hours via email. Appeal to a regrade rejection should be submitted to the General Manager for decision by CHA Board forthwith.
- e. Number of Regrades - Only one regrade per player is accepted in any one year as of right. If you require any additional regrades, please make your request highlighting the extraordinary circumstances in writing to the Competitions Committee who will determine and advise the club in a timely manner and place the determination on the register and publish on the website.
- f. Clubs can appeal the decision in (e) above if the club believes the decision of the Competitions Committee was manifestly unfair and manifestly prejudicial in the circumstances by submitting to the General Manager in writing the reasons for the appeal within two working days of receiving the decision. The Cairns Hockey Board will hear the appeal within three working days thereafter and will notify the Club of the decision in a timely manner.

10. PLAYING UP

- a. Each player can play a maximum of three games per week. Each player can play one game in their registered division plus two others. Exceptions apply to this for double headers and/or rescheduled games.
- b. If the player does not participate in a game in their registered division (due to unavailability or a bye, for example) they can still only play two further games.
- c. Once a player participates in an A grade game they are ineligible to participate in a C grade game for the remainder of the season.
- d. Players registered in U14 Division (either U14A or U14B) are ineligible to participate in A grade.
- e. Players registered in P56 are ineligible to participate in a division higher than U14A.
- f. Players registered in P12 and P34 are ineligible to participate in any division higher than P56.
- g. Special consideration can be requested as per Rule 5(m).
- h. Individual exceptions to this section can be made direct to Cairns Hockey Competitions Committee as required.

11. AGE LIMITATIONS

- a. For a team to play in the Masters Division, the team must consist of players that are turning 34 or older in the current season.
- b. To play in a senior division a player must be turning 14 years of age in the current calendar year. Refer to Rule 10 (d) for restriction on registered U14 division (U14A or U14B) players playing A grade.
- c. To play in U18A or U18B, a player must be 17 years of age or less as at 1 January of that year.
- d. To play in U14A or U14B, a player must be 13 years of age or less as at 1 January of that year.

12. COMPETITION AND MATCHES

a. Control of Matches and Grounds

- i. Cairns Hockey shall be responsible for all matters in connection with Cairns Hockey approved activities on Cairns Hockey approved grounds other than those connected with the normal duties of umpires officiating at matches, and it shall be empowered to take action deemed necessary in the interest of the game generally.
- ii. Each member of the Board, Cairns Hockey staff and/or any other person as approved by the Board in each year, is empowered to request that any player, players or spectators vacate the premises at any time from any part of the Cairns Hockey grounds if they believe they are being disruptive, abusive or interfering with members or other people's enjoyment.
- iii. In the event of the grounds being unfit for play, the match will be postponed to a future date to be arranged by the Cairns Hockey. If a suitable date is not available, Cairns Hockey will decide what action is to be taken. Cairns Hockey will decide whether the grounds are suitable for play or not and notify clubs.

b. Fixtures

- i. Cairns Hockey shall determine the program of the matches for each grade and divisions of Cairns Hockey and shall be responsible for publishing this weekly.
- ii. All fixture matches shall be played on such day, at such time as Cairns Hockey approves. The yearly draw once accepted by Cairns Hockey can only be changed with the consent of the Board or its delegate, and any such changes shall be notified to the clubs and advertised on a suitable notice board.
- iii. Before the commencement of each match, each team shall complete a list of the players (including substitutions) in the format determined at the time by Cairns Hockey.

- iv. A team may add players to the team sheet up to 10 minutes after scheduled commencement of the game. After 10 minutes, the team sheet will be deemed final and no more players can be added.
 - v. There are no allocated team benches. Managers shall, prior to a game, agree to which bench their team will take. If they cannot agree, the team named first on the competition draw will be allocated Bench “A”.
 - vi. Special rules for P12 and P34 shall exist. Cairns Hockey shall from time to time make amendments as and if required after consultation with the clubs.
- c. Play Time
- i. All times will be centrally controlled where possible.
 - ii. All A, B & C Grade matches will be played in four fifteen-minute quarters, and an interval of a minimum of five minutes unless otherwise authorised by Cairns Hockey shall be allowed between such halves.
 - iii. All Masters, U18 A&B, U14 A&B and P56 games shall be played in two halves of 30 minutes. Times will be subject to other policies.
 - iv. P12 and P34 divisions will have time of play set through the Junior Committee, but will not be greater than thirty minutes each half and with a suitable break period at half time.
 - v. Games are to start when the central time reaches zero and the game clock starts counting down. This is for the start of either the first or the second half, or the start of each quarter (as the case may be). If one team is ready, the umpire can award that team a free hit and the game starts immediately. If both teams are not ready at the start time when one team has eight players on the field the umpire is to award that team the ball and blow to start the game.
 - vi. In all circumstances, the Board may change these times if required in the best interest of the hockey competition.

d. Rescheduling Games

- i. If a team wishes to reschedule a game, the requesting team shall approach the opposing team and seek their response to the change in date/time. An application in writing shall then be made to Cairns Hockey at least five days before the scheduled game outlining the reason, opposing team's response and a suggested date for rescheduling the game. Cairns Hockey will either approve or request the game be played on the stated date/time.
- ii. Any matches rescheduled without approval will be recognised as forfeiture for both teams and both teams will be liable for game fees for the standard scheduled game which was not played.
- iii. No games may be rescheduled after the commencement of the final round. Any games not completed by this time will be considered a forfeiture for both teams and both teams will be liable for fees for the standard scheduled game which was not played.

e. Win and Draw

During the fixture competition, three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and zero points for a loss.

f. Forfeit

- i. A forfeit is defined under this rule when a team, after ten minutes after the scheduled start time, cannot field eight players or a team cannot maintain eight players during the match (injured or suspended players from the match can be counted as one of the eight), or when a team advises Cairns Hockey in writing that they cannot field a team at that time.
- ii. Any team receiving a forfeit shall be credited with three points and shall be treated as having won four goals to nil. Any team giving a forfeit shall be treated as having lost the game four goals to nil. In the event of two opposing teams giving a forfeit, the points scored by each team shall be nil and the goals scored shall be nil.
- iii. The team giving the forfeit will be liable for the game fees of both teams or in the event of both teams forfeiting, game fees will still be levied against both clubs/teams.
- iv. If a team has two forfeits in one year, the club may be asked to show cause as to why the team should remain in the competition.

g. Team Withdrawal

In the event of any team notifying Cairns Hockey of its having withdrawn during the season at any time prior to the completion of the first round, all matches played or to be played by that team shall be deemed as forfeits. Cairns Hockey will thereafter evaluate a fair and equitable system that will be as impartial as possible to all teams in the competition.

13. FINALS

a. No Finals

Finals rounds will not be played for P12 and P34 Divisions.

b. Semi- Finals

Unless otherwise advised by Cairns Hockey, the following method of deciding semi-finals and finals will be used in all grades and divisions of Cairns Hockey:

(i) Five Teams or More - The leading four teams in each grade of five or more teams play off in the semi-finals.

a. Semi-final No. 1: No.1 team Vs No.2 team.

b. Semi-final No.2: No.3 team Vs No.4 team.

c. The winner of semi-final No. 1 goes to the grand final. The loser of semi-final No. 1 plays the winner of semi-final No.2 in the preliminary final.

d. The winner of the preliminary final plays the winner of Semi-final No. 1 in the grand final.

(ii) Four Team Competition

a. In all four team competitions, first place at the end of the regular season goes directly into the grand final, the second and third

placed teams play off in a semi-final with the winner going into the grand final.

c. Drawn Games - Semi-finals and Preliminary Finals (Senior, Masters, U18 A&B, U14 A&B and P56 Divisions)

Should the scores be tied at the conclusion of ordinary time for semi-finals and preliminary finals, an extra five minutes each way will be played. This extra time will be “golden goal”, so the first team to score will progress. If the result is still a drawn game at the end of extra time, the team leading on points in the competition will be declared the winner. Should both teams be equally placed, the goal difference will decide which team is to be declared the winner to advance to the final. Should the goal difference be of equal value, the team with the highest total number of goals scored will advance to the final. Normal rules will apply during periods of extra time.

d. Drawn Games - Grand Finals (Senior, Masters, U18 A&B and U14 A&B Divisions)

Should the scores be tied at the conclusion of ordinary time for grand finals, an extra five minutes each way will be played. This extra time will be “golden goal”, so the first team to score will be declared the winner. If tied at the end of the two periods a penalty shoot-out format will commence to determine the winner.

e. Drawn Games - Grand Finals (P56)

Should the scores be ties at the conclusion of ordinary time for P56 grand finals, an extra five minutes each way will be played. This extra time will be “golden goal”, so the first team to score will be declared the winner. If tied at the end of the two periods the team who was higher on the competition ladder at the end of the regulation season will be declared the winner.

f. The Penalty Shoot-Out Format:

- i. The format of the shoot-out is alternate one-on-one challenges between a player and the opposing goalkeeper.
- ii. Five players and a goalkeeper from each team must be nominated for the penalty shoot-out prior to the shoot-out commencing. A toss of a coin will decide which team goes first and the one-on-one challenges will be taken alternately and in the order as nominated.
- iii. The field of play for the shoot-out is defined in an area bounded by the back line and each sideline and up to the 22-metre mark.

- iv. All players other than the five designated players involved in the shootout and the goalkeeper must remain in an area past the half way line and must not in any way influence the shootout
- v. Officials designated to the shootout will advise the players involved in the shootout where to stand on the pitch.
- vi. The rules in the force in the game of hockey as authorized by Cairns Hockey shall be played in the shootout.
- vii. If the score is still level after the first five shoot-outs, each team will continue to alternately take one-on-one challenges on a sudden- death basis.
- viii. In shootouts, a penalty stroke will be awarded against a goalkeeper for committing any infringement.
 - a. Penalty stroke may be taken by ANY player named on the card.
- ix. If a foul is committed by the attacking player, the challenge ends and no goal awarded.
- x. Each shootout begins at the 22m line and the ball is brought into the circle for scoring. The player with the ball has eight seconds to put the ball into goal. The player with the ball may take more than one shot at goal. However, once the ball goes out of the field of play or the eight seconds expires, the challenge ceases.
- xi. If a player, including the goalkeeper, has committed a foul within the eight seconds the umpire can still award the appropriate penalty after the eight seconds has expired.
- xii. The challenge shall be under the control of the two field umpires and the technical officials.
- xiii. The time keeping umpire shall be positioned centre field on the 22m line with his back to the play.
- xiv. The “scoring” umpire shall be responsible for the awarding of a goal or infringement. The Technical Official shall ensure that each challenge is made consistent with the previously advised list.

g. Eligibility to Play Finals

- i. The player must be financial with Cairns Hockey.
- ii. A player who has played six games by the end of the regulation season or a date set by the Cairns Hockey, in the grades they have participated in, is eligible to play in finals in those grades only.

- iii. For the purposes of finals eligibility, participation in a game is where a player is recorded on the card, took the field and actively participated in the game whilst on the field. The player will need to adhere to uniform requirements per 5.1 (xiii). When a team manager signs the game card they are agreeing that all players listed on the opposition team list, who were marked by the Technical Official as having taken the field, “participated” in the game. If a team manager believes that a player has not “participated” in the game, they should notify the Technical Official and advise the General Manager in writing as soon as practicable.

14. BREACHES AND PENALTIES

Cairns Hockey has adopted an accumulative points system which means players or team officials will accrue points for any green or yellow cards they receive. These points are per player and will accumulate across all divisions played.

- a. Accumulative Points System
 - i. Two points will be allocated against the player/official receiving a green card.
 - ii. Five points will be allocated against the player/official receiving a yellow card.
 - iii. Once a player/official reaches 15 points they will receive an automatic one-week suspension to be served at the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture. There is no appeal against this suspension.
 - iv. Points keep accumulating and a player/official will receive the next automatic one-week suspension when 25 points is accumulated, to be served at the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture. There is no appeal against this suspension.
 - v. Points keep accumulating and a player/official will receive the next automatic one -week suspension when 30 points have been accumulated, to be served at the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture. There is no appeal against this suspension.
 - vi. After the 30 point suspension is served, the player will be suspended when they have attained 35 points and every 5 points thereafter. Each suspension shall be served at the next Cairns Hockey scheduled local fixture.
 - vii. Red cards will be dealt with by the Judiciary.
 - viii. A player who receives a red card during a game must leave the playing field and the CHA grounds immediately and not return or stay in the vicinity for the remainder of the day. This is regardless of having any further games, umpiring, managing, coaching or other official duties.

- b. Swearing of any kind heard by any umpire under the rules will be an automatic green card. If there is a second breach for the same offence the penalty would be a yellow card.

- c. Any player who commits an offence listed in Schedule 1 of Rule 15 either before, during or after a game, is deemed to have committed a breach of the rules and can be brought before the Judiciary.

15. CODES OF CONDUCT

All processes, rules and regulations in relation to the Cairns Hockey Codes of Conduct will be set out in the Cairns Hockey Codes of Conduct confirmed by the Board every year and published on the Cairns Hockey website.

Any alleged breaches of the codes of conduct can be referred to Cairns Hockey, and will be dealt with under the Cairns Hockey Complaints Policy. A copy of this policy can be found on the Cairns Hockey website.

The Board is empowered to refer any alleged breaches of the codes of conduct to the Judiciary for their consideration if they deem necessary. This can occur irrespective of whether a card was issued to a player during a game or not. Breaches of the codes of conduct can apply to players, members and spectators.

If a person contravenes Cairns Hockey Rules, including, but not limited to, the behaviour set out below, then the Board may ask that person to attend a Judiciary hearing in accordance with these rules.

SCHEDULE 1:

	Rule/Breach	Recommended Penalty
(i)	Disputing an umpire's decision	1 to 3 weeks suspension.
(ii)	Personal abuse of an umpire (including, but not limited to, obscene, insulting, indecent language and/or behaviour)	2 to 6 weeks suspension.
(iii)	Threatening an umpire	8 to 12 weeks suspension.
(iv)	Striking at a player by another player	First offence: 1 to 10 weeks. Second offence: 11 to 20 weeks.
(v)	Striking at a player with a hockey stick (recklessly, dangerously)	5 to 20 weeks suspension.
(vi)	Deliberate striking at a player with a hockey stick	Minimum one-year suspension for first offence, life suspension thereafter.
(vii)	Assault of an umpire	Minimum two-year suspension for first offence, life suspension thereafter.
(viii)	Deliberate striking at an umpire with a hockey stick	Life suspension.
(ix)	Contempt of the judiciary or the judicial process (including intimidatory behaviour towards an umpire or intimidatory phone calls to an umpire)	10 to 20 weeks suspension.
(x)	Deliberately lifting the ball at, or near, another player	1 to 10 weeks suspension.
(xi)	Dangerous tackle	1 to 5 weeks suspension.

16. JUDICIARY

All processes, rules and regulations in relation to the Cairns Hockey Judiciary will be set out in the Cairns Hockey Judiciary Terms of Reference confirmed by the Cairns Hockey Board every year and published on the Cairns Hockey website. This will include a Table of Breaches and Penalties.

The General Manager will publish on the Cairns Hockey website a Registry of Judiciary Decisions so all clubs and members can access directly.

17. UMPIRES/TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Matters regarding umpiring and technical officials and its process are administered through the Officiating Committee and the Cairns Hockey codes of conduct.

18. REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Matters regarding representative programs and its process can be found through the Representative Handbook and the codes of conduct.

19. RULES AND BY-LAWS

a. Alterations to Competition Rules

The Cairns Hockey Board may change the competition rules. The Cairns Hockey Board will notify all clubs of the change and post on the web- site. The Cairns Hockey Board will review and modify the Competition Rules to maintain the effectiveness of the said rules. All clubs will be notified of any changes in a timely fashion.

b. Interpretation Disputes

Should any dispute arise over the interpretation of any rule, final arbitration will rest with the Cairns Hockey Board. The final resolution will then supersede any previous rule. This will be notified to all clubs in a timely fashion.

c. Glossary of Terms

Glossary of Terms and any other explanatory notes that may be issued from any committee are included as interpretative tools only and are to be read in conjunction with the appropriate rule rather than in isolation.

d. Notifications of Changes to By-laws

All associated bodies will be notified in writing of alterations to the Competition Rules. All associated bodies will receive a link to follow to be able to download a copy for their records.

e. Correspondence

All correspondence required by these rules or in relation to these rules will be deemed to be duly given if sent by email to the to the last address of the player as registered with the Cairns Hockey. All correspondence to clubs will be sent to club secretary as advised.

All correspondence in relation to these rules should be sent to
info@cairnshockey.com.au

All requests to the Competitions Committee must be via email and directed to the General Manager who will on forward it to the Chair of the Competitions Committee.